

REMARKS

Introduction

Claims 16-19, 21, 22, 29-35, 37-54, and 72-82 will be pending in the instant application after entry of the above claim amendments. This paper cancels claims 36 and 83-93 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 16-19, 21, 22, 29, 30, and 35 will be the independent claims of the application.

In the Final Office Action dated October 10, 2008, the Examiner (1) allowed claims 16-19, 21, 22, 29-35, 37-54, and 72-82; and (2) rejected claims 36 and 83-93 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicants respectfully respond to the Final Office Action.

Entry of Amendments

The amendments should be entered because they solely cancel rejected claims and bring the application in condition for allowance. *See* MPEP § 714.13(II) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b)(1)).

Allowed Claims

Applicants and the undersigned counsel gratefully acknowledge the notification of allowance of claims 16-19, 21, 22, 29-35, 37-54, and 72-82. All other claims are cancelled by the above amendments.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims, claims 16-19, 21, 22, 29-35, 37-54, and 72-82, in the application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

This paper does not add or amend any claims, and is filed timely within the period for reply specified in the Final Office Action. Therefore, no additional fees are due. If it is determined that additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s) or credit any overpayment(s) to Deposit Account No. 17-0026. If necessary, Applicants request, under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application and to charge the fees for a large entity under 37 CFR 1.17(a).

Respectfully submitted,

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